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REMARKS

This is in response to the final Office Action of September 20, 2001. Reconsideration of all pending claims 21-34 and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the insert to the specification on page 16 set forth in the Amendment of August 27, 2001 added new matter. However, it is believed that this insert simply restated the claims as originally filed. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 608.04 (enclosed at Appendix A), the original claims constitute a part of the disclosure. Therefore, the claims can be inserted into the specification and do not constitute new matter. Therefore, it is believed that the objection under 35 U.S. § 132 may be withdrawn.

As the insert to the specification on page 16 does not constitute new matter, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action has been overcome.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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